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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Group Art Unit:
STEVEN C. QUAY)	Examiner:
Appl. No. NEW)	<u>PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT</u>
Filed: HERewith)	2001 Ferry Building
For: METHOD OF ULTRASOUND)	San Francisco, CA 94111
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Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above-referenced application, please enter the following Amendments and remarks.

A M E N D M E N T S

In the Specification:

At page 1, please delete the present title and replace it with --Method of Ultrasound Imaging--.

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-34.

-- 15. In a method comprising ultrasound imaging, the improvement comprising enhancing the contrast in an ultrasound image by selecting for use as an enhancing agent microbubbles of a gas including perfluorohexane.

16. The method of claim 15 wherein said agent further comprises an aqueous solution of human protein.

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